

Liberty, Bedford Co., Va.

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Dr. Torrey:

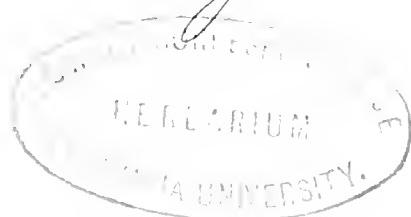
Dear Sir. Since my return from the North I have been very busily engaged in selecting and arranging specimens for mounting in my new Herbarium, which I think I shall be able to complete this winter provided I can obtain the proper supply of materials. Knowing your willingness to aid young students of the science like myself, and that you are perfectly posted in everything pertaining thereto, I venture to ask you to do me one great favor, provided you can do so with but very little trouble to yourself, namely, to purchase for me a quantity of Herbarium paper.

I shall send two or three thousand  
specis sheets, And guns-covers,  
both of the quality you prefer.  
I shall be greatly obliged to you  
therefore if you will write me  
the price of each, per thousand sheets,  
and, if you cannot personally  
attend to their purchase, the address  
of dealers who can furnish them.  
I would prefer to send you the  
money than you select the paper  
order it forwarded, but, if  
you cannot do so conveniently.

shall be thankful for any information.  
Prof. Eaton kindly furnished me  
about 600 sheets last Winter from  
his own stock, but as I suppose  
he obtains his paper from N. York,  
I presume he would not be able  
to aid me to the large quantity I  
want now - When you write  
will you please tell me whether  
you furnish the under side of

specimens, and whether you apply  
the solution immediately before gluing  
or allow it to dry an instant.  
Hoping you will not think me too  
unfortunate, & that I may be  
able to make you some return  
in the way of collecting, I am  
very truly & respectfully yours,

C. H. Covell Jr.



Mr. H. C. Ward